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With a bumper wheat crop, the best corn crop ever known, assured, and a four-years' State Normal,—watch Ellis county boom!

Wheat Day August 1.

Not how many acres of wheat but how many bushels per acre is to be the "slogan" for the next few years if the Kansas State Agricultural College is to have its way. And so on Saturday afternoon, August 1, from 2 to 4 o'clock, every farmer's institute in Kansas is asked to hold a meeting to talk over methods of getting more wheat from each acre. Every county institute president is asked to arrange for meetings at every village and town in his county—just informal conferences. Leaders may be appointed to arrange for halls and to start the meetings. The Farmers' Institute Department wants these conferences to be largely "experience" meetings, getting at the best methods of the best wheat farmers of Kansas.

And so it is hoped that on Saturday afternoon, August 1, from 2 to 4 o'clock, there may be several hundred of these "wheat conferences" in this great wheat State, looking for better methods and to better seed. Several meetings will no doubt be held in this county. Literature on the subject is being sent out to all who ask for it. Address all inquiries for literature to Farmers' Institute Department, Manhattan, Kan.

The Best Tonic.

"Cold in general and cold water in particular is a superb tonic," says a noted physician in the current number of a leading magazine. "It is the best appetizer known and is worth all the tonics, bitters and cock-tails in existence."

This eminent authority says in regard to the care of the body, "Don't scrub. Seldom use soap. Use as cold water as you can enjoy." He believes that the real value of the bath lies in its after effects,—the exhilaration. "For a strong, vigorous man or woman in the prime of life, nothing is better than the cold plunge," he asserts, "as it clears the brain of the cob-webs of the night and sends the blood humming thro the veins as nothing else in the world can do." However, for children, growing rapidly, and especially the aged and invalids, he does not think it best, owing to over-taxation of the bodily organs in responding to such a stimulus. A hot water bath once a week in order to open the pores of the skin, is also highly beneficial.

Witty Bill Reeder.

That Congressman Bill Reeder is a ready wit is evinced by this little incident which took place between him and one of our merchants during his "looking over the situation" visit last week. Upon being introduced to our ponderous representative in Washington, the merchant said he understood Mr. Ham of Stockton was also somewhat in the race.

"He is," replied William. "And he is a good man, too," volunteered the merchant.

"Indeed he is a good man," and continued Mr. Reeder, "do you know it spoils good men to send them to Washington, and that is why I don't want to see Mr. Ham receive the nomination."

Long—Bristow.

The fight waxeth hotter. Every day developments are forthcoming in this championship ring battle between these two political pugilists. Each has scored a knock-down or two and both have returned strong and full of fight at the beginning of the next round. Each is ably seconded at the ringside and as the public is the referee, neither can register any kick on decisions. The famous Marquis of Queensberry rules, however, do not govern the contest; it is a free-for-all, catch-as-catch-can and the toe-hold not barred. Up to the present time the honors appear to be about even and everyone is getting his money's worth. "Lay on Macduff and gold-darn him who first cries: Hold, enough!"

Frank Webber Dead.

Frank Webber, the young man who was injured here in attempting to board a train July 6, died last Sunday morning at nine o'clock, just two weeks after the accident occurred. Although severely injured, his condition was not critical until the Saturday noon preceding his death, at which time tetanus (lockjaw) set in and destroyed all hopes of his recovery.

He was a young fellow scarce twenty year of age and has been working in the harvest fields in western Kansas. As far as is known, he had no relations.

Had he lived he would have been a cripple for life as one foot had to be amputated at the time of the injury and it was thought probable the other would need to be amputated later on; he was also severely bruised about the head and hip.

Thus is another object lesson brought to view of the result of attempting to board moving trains. It surely doesn't pay.

Betrayed into Matrimony.

A bill recently introduced into the Georgia legislature provides that if a woman inveigles a man into marriage by means of paints, powders, false hair or teeth, drop-stitch or rainbow hose, and other similar "deceits," said marriage shall be null and void. The pertinent point of this is, "How can you tell?" The bill was framed by a legislator who had just been spending several weeks at a sea-shore resort and who declared that such legislation was badly needed.

Editor Away.

The editor is away on a jaunt to Wichita to wield the tennis racket in the state tournament being held there this week and has left his paper to the tender mercies of a substitute editor. We are trying, under adverse conditions, to fill the "vacant chair" and tell the good people things that they know and, mayhap, a few they don't know. As to the editor:

We wish him pluck
We wish him luck
We wish him nerve in store
We wish him girls and girls and girls!
How can we wish him more?

Annual School Meeting.

The annual school meeting was held last Thursday afternoon. C. M. Wann was reelected for another three year term. The levy was postponed, as the property valuation hasn't been filed, as yet. Owing to the active part taken by a number of the ladies of the city in behalf of better fire protection, it was decided to attach fire escapes to the building.

Miss Sutton will teach the first primary; Miss Leahy the second primary; Miss Henrietta Meyers the first intermediate; Miss Lillian Picken the second intermediate; Miss Abbie Westbrook the grammar room and Miss Hopkins and Lee R. Light as assistant and principal respectively, of the High School.

A Splendid Wheat Crop.

The following article clipped from the Tuesday edition of the State Journal, appeared last week in the Ellis Headlight: There was quite a discussion Monday among a number of our business men, as to the amount of wheat that will be marketed in Ellis this fall. The amounts vary from 700,000 bushels up to 1,300,000. As a basis for the estimate, it will be remembered that 750,000 bushels were shipped from Ellis during the big crop year of 1903. It is but reasonable to estimate that the acreage is larger than five years ago, a larger amount of land south of town having been broken out since that time. This additional acreage will exceed the acreage put into corn this year, and bring the acreage up several thousand acres more wheat than in 1903. This will swell the receipts in Ellis over the 1903 crop so as to bring it safely over 1,000,000 bushels, and we are pinning our faith on these figures, and they may exceed them. The railroad company is making an estimate above the million bushel mark.—Ellis Headlight.

To Preserve a Husband.

In preserving a husband, first, be careful in your selection. Do not choose one who is too young, and take only such varieties as have been reared in a good moral atmosphere. When once the selection is made, let the past remain forever settled, and give the entire thought to the future. Some insist on keeping the husband in a pickle, while others prefer hot water. It does not seem to be generally known that even poor varieties may be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience, smiles and affection. They should then be wrapped in a mantle of charity and kept warm with steady fire of devotion. Thus treated, they will keep for years as when first selected. Sometimes they improve with age.—Scrapbook.

Took Shower Bath on Lawn.

Three hot and tired young men in Beloit went home last Saturday night and decided to take a shower bath in the yard, putting the garden hose into use. It was very late and they supposed all the neighbors were asleep, but when the cold water struck the men they whooped as they did in the days when they dived into the swimming hole, and the neighbors awoke. The bright moonlight enabled the entire neighborhood to see the strawberry marks on the arms of the young men as they skipped about, displaying their sylph-like forms. When they realized that they were giving a free show that wouldn't be allowed within the city limits, they ducked. Now they are dodging the ladies whose slumbers they disturbed.—Ex.

Growth of the Star.

The growth of the Kansas City Star the past few years has been phenomenal. They have lately purchased a new building site and will erect thereon one of the finest buildings for newspaper business to be found in the country. The Star has many enemies owing to its political attitude, but nearly everyone reads the Star, nevertheless, as it gives more news for the price than any other paper published.

Voters Must Use Judgment at Polls.

Every voter at the primary election August 4 should remember the clause of the primary election law which reads as follows: "If any elector write upon his ticket the name of any person who is a candidate for any office upon some other ticket, than that upon which his name is so written, such elector shall thereby invalidate his ticket and it shall not be counted but shall be entirely rejected."

Union Services.

The union service will be held in the Lutheran Church on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. A. E. Goodman will preach.

Windsor Changes Hands.

Yesterday the announcement was made that Miles and Richard Mulroy had bought the Windsor Hotel of Simon Frank and would take charge August 6.

The Messrs. Mulroy will make a number of alterations and improvements and purpose to conduct a strictly first class hotel. Their previous experience in this line of business coupled with the bright prospects of a prosperous year ahead, augurs well for their success. Mr. Frank and sons, we understand, will devote their time and attention to their farm.

One of Life's Little Tragedies.

He seized her, drew her to him, and deliberately struck her. She made no sound. Again, and yet again, the brute repeated the blow, and still she gave no sign of suffering. But when, with rapidly growing anger, he struck her for the fourth time, she shrieked aloud—and her head flew off. She was only a match.—The Bohemian.

Should Have a Ball Team.

Hays is scheduled to play ball with Wakeeney in the near future. A good team is being organized. There is no reason why Hays shouldn't have an organized team for the remainder of the summer. A game every Monday afternoon with some good out-of-town teams would draw well and more than pay expenses. The merchants of the town would be benefited by the large number of country people who would come in to trade and see the game. This plan meets with big success in many towns over the state smaller than Hays and there is no reason why it shouldn't succeed here as well.

New Insurance Firm.

Messrs. L. C. Saunders of Kansas City, Mo., and W. J. Moriarty of St. Mary's, Kansas, who have been engaged in the old line Life Insurance business in Kansas for the past four years, have opened an office in the Stainer building in this city. These gentlemen come here with the best recommendations from the cities where they have done business and are already doing a nice business here. Mr. Moriarty was seven years the editor and publisher of the St. Mary's Star. Any one desiring insurance or investment will do well to see these gentlemen. They respectfully invite you to call and get acquainted whether you buy or not. 37-1t

Unclaimed Letter List.

The following letters are unclaimed at the postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, July 21, 1908. When calling for same please say advertised:

W. J. McDonough,
John Stiffler,
G. W. Gordon,
Harry Baker,
John Koerner,
John Schultze.
H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

Country Editors On Hand

The Merchants Journal in commenting on the entertainment of Kansas merchants by the Topeka Jobbers and Manufacturers Association, has the following interesting little notice:

The irrepressible country editors were in evidence, too, right from the sound of the gong. First there was Harry Freese of the Freese City Hay Press—no, no, the Hays City Free Press—followed by Joe Schaefer of the Hays City Democrat, who used to be the county treasurer. Imagine a country editor being a county treasurer and a Democratic one at that. And they were ably reinforced, too, by A. K. Trimmer of the Gove County Republican-Gazette for the last twenty years. Mr. Trimmer brought a certified photograph of his "crop that never fails"—his six children. Mr. Trimmer isn't the first Kansas editor who has profited by raising his own force.

Two desperadoes "shot up" Boston a few days ago. Think of it the center of culture, the hub of the universe, harboring such characters. Makes us think of the early days in Hays when Wild Bill had to "clean up the town" about once a week or so in order to make the place inhabitable for decent and peaceable folk.

Guaranteed All Wool, Reliable Woolens

My Fall and Winter line of FINE WOOLENS is now ready.

Orders can now be placed for delivery at your convenience.

MY SUCCESS is your GAIN, as my constantly INCREASING BUSINESS permits of SMALLER PROFITS.

A. M. McKIE

THE HAYS TAILOR
PHONE NO. 90
OPP. 1ST NAT. BANK.

LOCAL NEWS.

Stret Cox visited with his sister at Grinnell over Sunday.

Miss Ramsey spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Ellis.

It is reported that Matt Heyl is soon to open a piano store in the Ryan block.

Chas. W. Miller Jr. expects to occupy his newly purchased home by August first.

Mrs. C. A. Shively and little son John returned Saturday last from their visit in eastern Kansas.

A son of Ollie McQuarry was here last Saturday with a land buyer from Brown county, Kansas.

Harvest hands generally, have taken their departure and only those helping in the threshing remain with us.

Casper Middlekauff has received a promotion and been given a day shift at the cement plant in Yocemento.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new mill; a car of supporting timber was unloaded Monday and Tuesday.

J. C. Farley has rented the re-modelled Reeder cottage on Juniata street and will take possession about Aug. 1.

Joe Schaefer and Jacob Brull returned Friday evening from their trip to Topeka where they attended the business men's carnival.

Mrs. Fred Gay who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roemfeldt, left Monday morning for her home in Russell.

Miss Ruth Brown returned Monday morning to resume her duties in the hospital at Chicago after a six weeks visit at home in this city.

Wichita has two new alfalfa mills being builded, of 35 tons capacity each, which will be ready to commence operations within three months.

Harry B. Matthew has been engaged to teach school in Rooks county this fall. The board that secures his services will get a mighty good "pedagogue."

Judge Monroe and daughter Daisy are enjoying a trip to Old Mexico. The Judge has added one of the handsomest of autos to the pleasures of his home.

The fruit market has been exceptionally good the past week, and the prices comparatively moderate. Vegetables, however, are scarce in quantity, quality and variety.

Chas. Sessions, correspondent in Washington for the Kansas City Journal, spent a day in Hays last week. Mr. Sessions is well-known to politicians all over the state.

Paul Pfannestiel is soon to commence the erection of a cottage in the east part of town. Paul's house which was destroyed several months ago by fire, was fully covered by insurance.

A week ago Sunday one ice cream soda fountain netted over \$27. This would be a pretty good record if there were only one in town but all four do a thriving business.

The Brundage-Fisher Amusement Company people didn't think they were overly-well patronized while here. This is no disgrace to Hays and the community. It is indicative of a saving spirit that means thrift and prosperity.

Miss Susie Shaffer entertained last Friday evening in honor of Miss Isaacson of Yocemento. The entertainment and games were profuse with butter-fies and sweet peas. An elegant dinner was served and it was late before the guests decided they auto go home.

County Clerk Cox and family spent Sunday last in Ellis.

Miss Lillian Picken has returned from a two weeks sojourn in Colorado.

John Robinson of Natoma has come over to work with W. J. Haddock's threshing crew.

Miss Dorney of Kansas City is here and will assist the Misses Markey in their millinery store.

Peaches were down to 30 cents per basket this week, the low-water mark of the season thus far.

Mrs. Chas. Reeder who is in Topeka receiving treatment for her eyes is reported much improved.

Normal closes next week. The examinations take place Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

Salina expects to have a street car line in operation in a few days. Getting to be quite metropolitan, Salina!

Colonel Rossington, one of the best known lawyers in the state, died suddenly at his home in Topeka Monday.

Mrs. Sarah Radford and son formerly of Walker, and now of Oklahoma, are here on a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Sites.

Carl Leiker's new store building is to be ready for J. H. Spratt within six weeks. This is a splendid location for Mr. Spratt's line of goods.

Will Calvert of Winona spent Sunday in Hays. He wasn't here looking after "politics" either. Mr. Calvert expects to attend Normal again the coming term.

One of the best ordinances ever passed by our city council was the one prohibiting the hitching of teams on the principal business streets; that was one good move in the right direction.

Mrs. H. J. Penney and children and Mrs. J. F. Jordan left on Tuesday evening's west bound train for a vacation trip to Colorado and the mountains. They expect to be gone about six weeks.

Ellsworth is arranging for a "Salt Festival" the last week in August and is to have a palace entirely built of block salt instead of cement. The city is making great preparations for a big time.

Misses Mabel and Ethel Rowilson left Monday for an extended visit with friends and relations in southern Nebraska and eastern Kansas. Their first visit will be made in Edgar, Nebraska.

The great Atlantic fleet has reached the first stopping place in the course of the homeward cruise, the city of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. Business was practically suspended from the time the fleet first hove in sight.

Senator Plumb's grave in Emporia which has been unmarked since his death in 1891, was marked last week with a granite boulder from Vermont. On the top of the boulder is a brass plate bearing the inscription "Plumb."

Mrs. M. A. Adams, mother of H. J. Penney, arrived Tuesday evening and will remain at the Penney home during the absence of Mr. Penney's wife and children who are visiting in Leadville, Colo. Her many friends are glad to see her back again. Mrs. Adams was proprietor of the Brunswick hotel here for a number of years.

Don't Put It Off.

But order your NURSERY STOCK of J. C. Westbrook, representing the old reliable Mount Hope Nurseries of Lawrence, Kansas. Patronize your local agent if you wish a square deal. Am now taking Fall and Spring orders. See me before placing your orders. Special prices on large orders. 37-tf

J. C. WESTBROOK.

THOUGHTS ON BUSINESS

BY
WALDO PONDRAY WARREN

SELECTING A MAN

LOOKING out the right man for the place, it often measures the difference between success and failure in a business. More often it measures the difference between a moderate success and a phenomenal one.

Twenty or more years ago a carriage factory was started with the idea of doing things in an original way, and a man was chosen to carry out the idea. He had had no previous experience in that line, but he had the right idea and grasped the plan enthusiastically. The work began on a simple scale, so that the inexperienced man was able to feel his way. The business grew until it attained great proportions. The same man is still at the head of it, not as the owner, but as the manager. He proved to be the right man for the place. It would be difficult to imagine how he might have made the business more successful in that particular line.

In thinking of this the thought occurred to me, suppose some other man had been chosen in the beginning. Suppose he had had wide experience, but a different idea. He might have made more rapid progress at the start, or he might have turned the whole business into other channels and have given it a different character. He might not have been able to grow up with it, or might have left it after the first year's trial. The present greatness of the business might have been unknown to-day if it hadn't been that the right man was chosen when the business was small.

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